

Brown, Garrett Leary, Division II Coach of the Year—Harry Welch, Division II Offense—Nick Peterson, Nick Madia, Richard Wirthlin, Phillip Malinoski, and Division II Defense—Chris Kinsbury, Tyler Hawkins.

The level of dedication and tenacity displayed by coaches and players of Canyon High School's football program deserves great praise. The ethos of this tightly knit team should serve as an example to all those aspiring for greatness.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the individual members of Canyon High School's champion football team. Coach Harry Welch, Jean P. Curvey, Ben Longshore, Richard Wirthlin, Stephen Wirthlin, Anthony Arriaga, Amir Rafah, Mark Urbina, John DiLuigi, Austin Civita, Sean Ward, Zane Enright, Phillip Malinoski, Christopher Chapman, David Pyne, Sean Gavin, Randal Rigg, Michael Montano, Christopher Kingsbury, Michael Cooper, Kenny Suber, Daniel Garza, Jr., Leon Henderson, Tyler Hawkins, Keith Martin, Josh Parrick, Jordan Ferguson, C.R. Maldonado, Mike Loucks, Michael Pyne, Raymond Maldonado, Jonathan Hammock, Nick Jurado, Deric Blas, Matthew Brown, Randy Lemus, Joseph Dellibovi, Grant Higgins, Garrett Leary, Michael Blanco, Ryan Schurke, Andrew Martinez, Justin Wallace, Andrew Suarez, Nick Peterson, Hacob Karaoglanian, Mike Harker, Damian Ozuna, A.J. Wallerstein, Nicholas Madia, Mark Valdez, Sean Rowlett, Fares Albichara, Britt Briscoe, Ben Armbruster, and Troy Curvey.

The late Vince Lombardi once said that football is like life—it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority. Through their triumphant season, the Canyon Cowboys have developed a winning attitude that will serve them well for their entire life. I commend the team for their ability, commitment, and steadfast determination and I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING MS. EMMA KOLB

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emma Kolb, who has recently finished her 69th year of service to students and parents in western Kansas. She has gone above the call of duty and made her teaching career of 47 years into a passion by volunteering for 22 years after her retirement.

Ms. Kolb began teaching in 1937 in Rush County, KS, and for the next 15 years worked in several other country schools. In 1951 she started at Lincoln Elementary School in Hays. For the next 33 years Emma taught grades second through sixth until she retired in 1984.

If Emma's story stopped there it would still be praiseworthy, but she didn't stop there. She went on to volunteer for 22 more years in the same school building.

The length of her tenure may only be overshadowed by the amount of joy she gave to those she worked with and worked for. During a recent party Lincoln Elementary School staff showed their appreciation for Emma's amazing work by celebrating her commitment to students and her 88th birthday.

I too would like to express my gratitude for Emma's 69 years of service to Kansas students. Ms. Kolb said that during her many years of work inside the school system that "any changes that were made were for the good . . . and that we have a good school system here."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking and honoring Emma Kolb for being a part of those positive changes in the lives of so many students and their schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 2006, during consideration of H.R. 5386, I mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 167, the Hinchey Amendment. It was my intention to vote "yes" on the Hinchey Amendment.

CURRENCY PROTECTION BILL

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call your attention to H. Con. Res. 390, a resolution I introduced on April 26, 2006.

We are currently living in an environment where prevention of terrorism is at the forefront of the American mind. It is important to remember that although the U.S. dollar is not typically viewed as a vessel of major catastrophic events, mass counterfeiting of the dollar will undermine the U.S. economy and ultimately destroy the security of our Nation. We have come a long way in protecting our highly visible assets since September 11, 2001. Now we must also extend that to our currency.

H. Con. Res. 390 calls upon the U.S. government to ensure the protection of the U.S. dollar and defend its integrity throughout the world. Our Nation must deter counterfeiting of our currency in order to preserve the strength of the U.S. dollar and protect America from a economic disaster.

Recent global politics illustrate the necessity of H. Con. Res. 390. A few months ago, the United States accused the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) of counterfeiting the U.S. dollar. In retaliation, North Korea claimed that the CIA had counterfeited the U.S. dollar and planted the counterfeit bills in North Korea. Despite North Korea's claim of innocence, it is estimated that at least \$45 million counterfeit U.S. dollar are in circulation and have originated from North Korea.

A timely CRS report released March 22, 2006, correctly states that any act of counterfeiting the U.S. dollar is a direct attack on the United States. We must not allow our adversaries the option of using counterfeit U.S. dollars to cause harm against our Nation or economy. That is why H. Con. Res. 390 is so necessary.

This is not just a threat against the United States. The U.S. dollar is the world's reserve currency. Undermining the value of the dollar will negatively affect our allies and the nations

that are dependent on our currency. Counterfeiting of the U.S. dollar weakens our own ability to protect the U.S. and also pads the arsenals of those who wish to engineer our destruction.

It is time to step up and put a stop to the obvious counterfeiting of the U.S. dollar by foreign nations. I am proud to introduce H. Con. Res. 390 in the House, and I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this measure. We must protect our most important national asset—the U.S. dollar.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS CARDUCCI,
GARTH EPPLEY, GEORGINA
JOSHI, ZACHARY NOVAK AND
ROBERT SAMELS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, the community of classical vocal music artists and listeners suffered a great loss on April 20, 2006, when a light plane carrying five outstanding graduate students from Indiana University's Bloomington campus School of Music crashed just short of its destination. We join those grieving the loss of these talented musicians—Chris Carducci of Monroe, MI; Garth Eppley of Wabash, IN; Georgina Joshi of South Bend, IN; Zachary Novak of Anderson, IN; and Robert Samels of Medina, OH—for their accomplishments, for the great promise they held, and for the people they were. We will remember them today:

Chris Carducci—born April 18, 1978, in Monroe, MI, a graduate of Monroe High School, he received a bachelor of arts degree in music education in 2002 from Bowling Green State University—BGSU, Bowling Green, OH. He earned a master's degree in music from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 2005. He was a life member of St. John Catholic Church, where he was baptized, confirmed, and educated at its school. He was a former member and past president of the BGSU Men's Chorus. His opera career included an appearance at Carnegie Hall, where he sang selections from Wolf's *Italienisches Liederbuch* for the Marilyn Horne Foundation's "The Song Continues . . . 2005." A baritone, Mr. Carducci performed with Toledo Opera, Michigan Opera Works, BGSU Opera Theater and IU Opera Theater. In 2005, he created the role of Pontius Pilate in "Pilatus," a new opera by Robert Samels. Last year, he was recognized by the Metropolitan Opera National Council's Indiana District with an Encouragement Award. He also was a two-time winner of the Conrad-Peatee Art Song Competition.

Zachary Joseph Novak—Born Sept. 17, 1980, in Anderson, IN, graduated Highland High School in 1999. He went on to Anderson University and received a bachelor's degree in 2004, graduating *summa cum laude* with honors in music. Zach received the Anderson University music department's Voice Performance Award and won the Senior Men category and State National Association of Teachers of Singing Awards. He was due to graduate in early May with a master of music degree in choral conducting with a minor in voice from Indiana University in Bloomington. During his years at Indiana University he studied under